

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has somebody in the official block done anything to organise opposition party there in conformity with the general practice of Government now of creating factions in places where they anticipate opposition against them?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—The question is very insinuating.

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Writing and printing of Text Books for Schools at Government cost.

83. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken to get the Text Books for schools written and printed at the Government cost?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government are considering proposals to get Text Books written and printed at Government costs.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Who is the officer that is considering the proposals.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Superintendent, Vernacular Education. They were gone into and the figures scrutinised both by myself and by the Secretary to the Board of Examiners and by the Board of Studies and it was found that the statistics given by the Superintendent were not quite accurate. Then he was asked to return the proposals and these proposals were submitted to the Government and Government drew up certain lines on which action might be taken. And before action could be taken they have to satisfy themselves whether I had to say anything regarding the lines on which action was suggested to be taken. I think they are proposing to take immediate practical action to organise an office to do this work, because they have been asking me whether I can provide accommodation for this office. Of course, we have not yet undertaken to collect manuscripts or to print them.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Which are the proposals that are under the consideration of the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Two alternative proposals, one submitted from the then Superintendent of Vernacular Education and the second by the Secretary to the Board of Studies. Both were placed before them and I think Government have made up their minds to undertake publication because I find from the queries addressed to me that they have definitely drawn up the lines on which they are going to act.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the two proposals that are now under the consideration of Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no objection to give copies if I am given notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know for what classes these text books are going to be printed?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Of course, for the primary and lower secondary classes. It is not possible for the High School Department, because it is part of the University Education.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Are these text books, after having been written and printed, to have the ordeal of going through the Text Book Committee and other committees?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—These books are approved by the authority constituted by Government and the Board is just an authority like that. Hence there is no necessity.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It will be printed by Government. Is it not?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Government will have to sell. Is it not?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government will have to sell it through local agents.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then what is the necessity for this Board of Studies?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I say this device will supersede the Board of Studies to a certain extent. But it will have to function with respect to higher classes, viz, the 4th, 5th and 6th forms.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there any such device in British Malabar?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Publication of unrepealed Regulations and the Rules framed thereunder.

84. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, they have taken to compile and publish the Unrepealed Regulations and the Rules framed thereunder?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Unrepealed Regulations and the Rules are being compiled and got ready for publication. The special Regulations have already gone to the Press.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Who is the officer compiling the unrepealed Regulations?